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## The Cup of surprises



Thousands of balloons are launched at the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona during the gala opening of the World Cup, before the first game in which Belgium beat Argentina 1-0.



Brazil, one of the World Cup favorites, from left, standing: Waldir Peres, Edevaldo, Luizinho, Edinho, Toninho Cerezo, Junior. Front: Paulo Isidoro, Socrates, Reinaldo, Zico Eder.

### MacDougall wants to stay

Ted MacDougall (pictured), the former Scottish international striker, was having talks with South Melbourne Hellas about joining the club for two years as we went to press.

However, MacDougall was also to negotiate with West Adelaide Hellas, APIA-Leichhardt and Marconi.

Former Frankston City (Vic) coach John Pryde is helping MacDougall in his bid to find a club here.

MacDougall, 33, has been trialling with Athena in Perth, along with Alan Ball of Southampton, but wants to stay on and play in the PSL.

He holds the English FA Cup record of nine goals in one match while playing for Bournemouth.

He also has served Manchester United, West Ham, Norwich, Southampton and his most recent club, Blackpool.



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With reigning champion Argentina beaten in its first game, the eyes of the world turn to West Germany, England, Spain and Yugoslavia which start their World Cup campaign tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday.

And by the weekend, we should know how this World Cup will shape up.

West Germany starts its challenge against Algeria at Gijon, and the striking power of Karl-Henz Rummenigge and whoever partners him — Allots, Fischer, Hrabesch, Littbarski — should give the Germans a clear lead in Group Two.

Spain, similarly, should have little trouble against Honduras in Valencia, but both England and Yugoslavia face stubborn resistance.

With Platini, Rocheteau and six in sizzling form, France has as much chance as England of winning their match at Bilbao, whereas Northern Ireland is likely to adopt a stubborn defensive stance against Yugoslavia's brilliant forwards Vujovic, Sestic and Hajhodzic.

But whatever happens in the next few days, Belgium showed in the opening match, a 1-0 victory over Argentina, that this well could be the World Cup of surprises.

With time in the first round ends on June 26, Australian time, we may see some of the giants of world soccer eliminated, and some of the comparative minnows advancing to the second round.

The nations with the best chance of causing upsets would appear to be Peru (Group One), Chile (Group Two), Kuwait (Group Four), and, yes, New Zealand (Group Six).

## Richard Wilson misses out!

New Zealand named the team for its opening World Cup match against Scotland in Malaga today (Wednesday) — and there was no place for Preston-Makedonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson, who played in all 15 qualifying games.

Team spokesman Roger Mahan said Frank van Hattum had been chosen ahead of Wilson (pictured) on merit.

"It's simply that van Hattum's playing better," he said.

Midfielder Grant Turner, suffering from an ankle injury, was the only player not available for selection for the

Group Six match. Brazil and the Soviet Union complete the group.

Mahan described the New Zealanders as "determined and looking good."

New Zealand played more qualifying games than any other country in the history of the World Cup to reach Spain. Its results included a 13-0 win over Fiji, also a record.

Team: Frank van Hattum, Bobby Almond, Sam Malcolmson, John Hill, Adrian Elrick, Keith Mackay, Allan Booth.



Steve Summer, Ken Cresswell, Wayne Rutherford, Steve Woodburn.

Scotland manager Jack Stein gave Kenny Dalglish and Alan Brazil the twin strikers role when he named his side.

Stein, who is looking for mobility and change of pace against the Kiwi side, he rates competent but slow in defence, preferred the balding Ipswich Town attacker to the more physical Joe Jordan.

The Scotland manager hinted, however, that Jordan, now with AC Milan of Italy and playing in his third World Cup finals, could come on for part of the game.

Star: Alan Rough (Partick Thistle), Davy McGein (Celtic), Alan Hansen (Liverpool), Allan Evans (Aston Villa), Frank Gray (Leeds United), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen), John Ward (Ipswich), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Alan Brazil (Ipswich), John Robertson (Nottingham Forest).



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## Belgian goal offside: Menotti



Diego Maradona, shadowed by Czerniatynski. More was expected from Maradona.

**BELGIUM 1 (Vandenbergh 62nd)** ARGENTINA 0, Nou Camp Stadium, Crowd 95,000, referee Vojtechovitov 9.

**ARGENTINA:** Fillo 7, Olguin 7, Passarella 8, Tarantini 6, Ardiles 8, Gallego 6, Maradona 7, Bertoni 7, Cossio 7, Vercauteren 8, Vandenbergh 8, Cesarini 8, Vandenbergh 8, Ceulemans 8.

Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti claimed Belgium's winning goal in the opening match of the World Cup tournament was offside.

"Belgium did not play better than us and its goal looked offside to me," he said. "I thought we were in control after the first 10 minutes but the players did not continue as I had expected," Menotti added.

"Perhaps they were overcome by nerves because you only saw the real Argentina after the Belgian goal and we did not deserve to lose."

Belgian manager Guy Thys said Belgium had shown that man-to-man marking was not necessary to quell Diego Maradona.

"You just have to play as a team and intelligently," he said. "No one player was allotted to stop the Argentine super star. Instead defenders picked him up as he came into their part of the pitch."

"We can't celebrate yet but have made a great start," Thys said. "And I was especially pleased by the good spirit in which the match was played."

Argentina had hoped to recapture the euphoria of its 1982 victory in Buenos Aires but a



Argentina's Mario Kempes leaves Belgian defender Millecampas down and out. In the background are Vercautern and Ardiles.

62nd minute goal by elegant Belgian striker Erwin Vandenbergh put paid to that.

To stay in contention Argentina must do well in its second game against Hungary on Friday before facing El Salvador in the last group three game.

Its defeat will do no harm at all to the morale of Brazil, hot favourite in the 24-team tournament.

Before the tournament began many fans expected Argentina's midfielder Maradona to emerge as the star of the show.

But the curly-headed youngster seldom lived up to his billing as the world's greatest player in what generally was a subdued performance, and the stage is set for Brazilian trio

Zico, Socrates and Junior to steal his thunder.

Belgium's goal stung the champions into life in the opening match with a solid defence in which Eric Gerets and Luc Millecampas were outstanding, absorbed the pressure.

The Belgians might have increased their lead 14 minutes later when Vandenbergh just

failed to connect with a left-foot cross from Alex Czerniatynski.

Argentine came closest to levelling the score when Maradona rapped a curling free kick against the underside of the bar after 75 minutes.

Another chance fell six minutes later to substitute Jose Valdano, brought on for the ineffective Ramon Diaz,

but his header hit teammate Mario Kempes with Belgian keeper Pfaff looking beaten.

Until the goal, the match, played in the magnificent Nou Camp stadium in front of a near capacity crowd, seemed headed for a disappointing draw.

The champions had begun brightly but after Belgium pulled striker an Ceulemans into midfield their initiative was blunted.

The best chances of the first half fell instead to the Belgians when twice within a minute they came close to beating Fillo in the Argentine goal.

Thys hinted before the match that he would have been happy with a draw. But when he recognised the fallibility of the hesitant Argentines, he must have known a more ambitious result was within his grasp.

The Belgians' initial caution was partly due to the fact that they were without defender Meeuws, serving a one-match suspension, and their veteran midfielder Wilfried van Moer, who stepped down because of wretched form in recent games.

Maurice de Schrijver, standing in for Meeuws, and Guy Vandersmissen, Van Moer's replacement, could hardly have responded better to Thys's call.

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Marco Genaris

Twenty-year-old Marco Genaris, Olympia's Sydney-born mid-fielder, is one of the most skilful players in Tasmania. On his day, he is creative, devastating, and a delight to watch. With socks perpetually down around his ankles, his appearance is deceptive. He has excellent ball control, good vision and a hard, accurate shot.

Genaris has been with Olympia for seven years. He suffered a serious injury a couple of seasons ago when he was chopped in a game against University. The injury could have threatened his career. "It was like a corked thigh, but much more serious. There was calcification within the muscle itself and if I hadn't received proper treatment, surgery would have been required. It doesn't effect my game, but if I put pressure on that leg I can still feel it," he says.

Olympia had a good start to the season but

By WALTER PLESS

slumped somewhat after the first few games. It made a good recovery recently, however, scoring 22 goals in one weekend, six in a Saturday league match and 16 in a Sunday cup game.

Although Genaris didn't score in those two games, he remains a key element in the side. He has resolved his recent differences with the club and is looking forward to the remainder of the season. "I still think we're in there with a chance. The way things are going, everyone's beating everyone else and you can't really say what's going to happen next. It's a good competition this year."

Genaris has no clear ambitions. "I could be going to the mainland at the end of the year but I've got no trials lined up. I'm not sure whether I'll stay there or not". One thing is certain, if he stays in Tasmania his future in the game is assured for a long, long time!

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**HUNGARY**

**LASZLO BALINT** He's 34 and has 75 caps. A sturdy sweeper who's as strong an ox and as cunning as a fox. Played France with Toulouse.

**TIBOR NYILASI** One of Europe's highest-scoring schemers, the tall, creative skipper is an inspiration to Ferencvaros and the national team.

**ANDRAS TOROCISK** Sent off with Nyilasi against Argentina in 1978, he is permanently the victim of his temper and wayward lifestyle. Now seems more suited and his speed and ball skills could finally be recognised at the highest level in Spain.

**ITALY**

**GAEATNO SCIREA** In his second Final, the Juventus sweeper is not the stereotyped Italian defender, but pushes forward when he can.

**GIANCARLO ANTIGNONI** Recovered from a nasty head injury, the Florentine schemer has delightful skills and is a superb passer of the ball.

**PAOLO ROSSI** Played his first game following a two-year suspension in early May. Can he regain the form that made him a superstar in '78.



**GERRY ARMSTRONG** Can't win a regular place with Watford, but Armstrong's scoring record against Continental opposition is impressive. His heading ability and physical presence can unsettle defences. Combines well with Billy Hamilton.



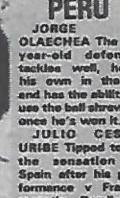
**MAL DONAGHY**

His ability to play central defender, full-back or even in midfield makes the Luton star one of Billy Bingham's most valuable assets.

**SAMMY McILROY** Likes to run at defences and his style could unsettle Spain and Yugoslavia, especially if his shooting is at its best.



**JERONIMO BARDEJILLO** Speedy, super-skilled right flank striker who can turn defences inside-out. Has signed for Italian club Avellino. Nicknamed Patrón because he covers so much ground. Latin finisher who says he's 21, but FIFA records say he's 29!



**JORGE OLAECHEA** The 28-year-old defender tackles well, holds his own in the air and has the ability to use the ball shrewdly once he's won it.

**JULIO CESAR URIBE** Tipped to be the sensation of Spain after his performance v France recently. Dandy at set pieces and positively oozes skill.



**ZBIGNIEW BONIEK** Playing for Juventus next season — A midfield craftsman and a free-kick specialist.



**WLODZIMIERZ SMOLAREK** One of the newer names in the Polish team, Smolarek will form the strike force with Karpinski and '78 veteran Szostacki. A direct, strong-running striker, the 24-year-old Widzew Lodz star is said to be in the Gerd Muller class for half-chances.

**SCOTLAND**

**ALAN HANSEN** probably the most complete defender in Britain, the World Cup Finals will surely make the Liverpool man a truly international star.

**GRAEME SOUNESS** An all-purpose midfielder and tremendous competitor, whose never-say-die spirit typifies Scotland's attitude.

**KENNY DALGEISH** The third of the Liverpool trio has, by his own admission, been disappointing in his previous two World Cups. Scotland have a goalscoring problem and Dalgleish's ability to score goals out of nothing has never been needed more.

**SPAIN**

**RAFAEL GORDILLO** He's also Spain's best flamenco singer apart from being a great left-back. Fast and hard-tackling, his right foot is purely for balance.

**JESUS ZAMORA** Tall, elegant and always available to receive the ball. Tremendous ball skills, watch his hip-shrugging upfield runs.

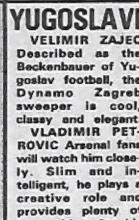
**JESUS SATRUSTEGUI** Has the thankless task of working almost alone up front, but he's a non-stop battler and a real goal-grabber. Called simply Satrus, he's been Real Sociedad's top scorer five times in the last six years. Fast and good in the air.

**W. GERMANY**

**ULLSTEDT LIKE** Plays in midfield for his club, Real Madrid, but is equally effective at the back. Organises his defence.

**PAUL BREITNER** The complete midfielder and a very influential player. Makes goals, scores them and is experienced. Spain's former Real Madrid star is vital.

**KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE** A thoroughbred. A world class striker and a good bet to be the Cup's top scorer. European Footballer of the Year in 1981 and 1982 he is feared by Europeans and South Americans alike. A lethal finisher who will surely enhance his stature.



**VELIMIR ZAJEC** Described as the Beckenbauer of Yugoslav football, the Dynamo Zagreb sweeper is cool, classy and elegant.

**VLADIMIR PETROVIC** Arsenal fan will watch him closely. Slim, athletic, he plays a creative role and provides plenty of ammunition for his strikers.

**VAHID HALILHODZIC** He's "done a Joe Jordan" since leaving Velez Mostar for Nantes in France and has lost confidence. He remains a regular for his country and at his best is the complete central striker. Can he recover his goal fail in Spain?



**NORDINE KOURI** Richi Plays in France for Bordeaux and is strong, especially in the air. Also does well at set pieces. Athletic and mobile.

**LAKHDAR BELLODJI** Africa's top sportsman last year. Skill, elegance, precision long-passing and goalkeeping are his qualities. Called Africa's Maradona.

**DJAMEL ZIDANE** The chunky centre-forward scored a vital goal v Nigeria to clinch a place in Spain. Rated Algeria's goalscoring king-pin for the Finals. Now in Belgium with FC Courtrai, he is at least, used to European defenders. Watch for his speed and shooting.

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**ESPAÑA 82****New venue for '86?**

Hermann Neuberger, vice-president of FIFA, says that if the 24-team format is retained for 1986, he would not be in favour of Colombia staging the next tournament, as planned.

Neuberger, who is also president of FIFA's World Cup organizing committee, said: "With the current situation in Colombia, I don't feel it will be able to organise a 24-nation World Cup in 1986."

Alfonso Senior, president of the Colombian Football Federation, is to present evidence at the FIFA congress in Madrid next month of his country's ability to stage the tournament.

The prospect of low attendances and doubts about the wisdom of the 24-team format occupied the minds of World Cup officials as the Cup kicked off on Sunday.

Organising committee chief Raimundo Saporta predicted that not all stadiums, particularly those staging less attractive games, would be full.

"I don't think all the World Cup match stadiums will be full," he told reporters. "Take a match such as Kuwait versus Czechoslovakia. It is hard to imagine that stadium being filled to capacity."

Air lines and hotels said many bookings had been cancelled and officials who initially calculated that half a million fans would visit Spain for the tournament have now scaled down that figure to around 200,000.

The organising committee, which had originally anticipated a profit of one billion pesetas (\$9 million) from match tickets and three special national lotteries, admitted it has now aiming only to break even.

**Tommy Docherty** declared in a recent newspaper article that it was his intentions to sign a player for South Melbourne Hellas when he returns to England.

My initial reaction was one of indignation as my thoughts turned to the young players here in Australia who are striving to make it to the top. However in the same newspaper I read another article which suggested that young Peter Constantinos of Moreland could be joining Northcote in the State League. Good for Peter, I thought, I hope you make it to the top. But his projected transfer fee of \$60,000 caught my eye and I realised the two incidents mentioned above were very closely connected.

Here was a young player as yet untried, but with obvious potential, commanding a projected fee of this nature as opposed to the possibility of signing a proven striker in England and getting him to Australia for the cost of an airfare. Last week I condemned ESL coaches for not attending the national youth championships

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SPAIN's World Cup soccer players will become instant millionaires if they win the tournament.

The Spanish players will receive \$100,000 each for semi-final victory, and doubles again for a win in the final — worth \$400,000 a man.

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It's a tall order, but not impossible, as the past two World Cup teams have been won by the host nations, West Germany in 1974 and Argentina in 1978.

Apart from the bonus scheme, the Spaniards will be paid just \$60 a day.

That's all they'll get if they fail to make the second round.

FIFA, the organising body of world soccer which runs the series, pays \$150 expenses to each nation's players, and doubles for winning the second round \$175 each for players and \$200 for officials.

The Spaniards have outside commercial contracts for the series, including team payments of \$500,000 from Adidas sporting goods, \$200,000 from El Corte Ingles, and \$150,000 from Coca-Cola.

Spain's team manager, Jose Emilio Santamaría, has separate arrangements with Adidas and El Corte Ingles, worth doubt going to the players.

Spain's top goal-scorer, Enrique Quini, said he thinks his team's chances are very good.

Quini said: "If luck goes our way, I think we can make the final and probably win the cup."

And I still maintain they must keep abreast of the standards at this level.

However, I must admit the above incidents could be reason why some same coaches may feel they are being let down.

It does not mean that lower divisions clubs should not get compensated for developing players when the time comes for the youngster to try his luck at a higher level. But a huge transfer fee may have some adverse effects.

For example, Peter Constantinos is proving to be an excellent player at Moreland in the First Division.

However when he plays at State League level he will find goals much harder to come by as he opposes Stuart Cannell, Steve Kokosa, Paddy Bannon etc.

**TIM WHITE**  
Victorian coaching director



Every transfer is a risk but somehow it seems more of a risk when it is a young and as yet unproven player.

The crucial point here could be the attitude and ability of Peter's new coach.

His attitude may be to concentrate with the development of the young player to help him cope with the new challenges which he finds at a higher level, or his attitude could well be that he hasn't the time to do this and as a result he will only buy proven players.

The ability of the coach will very often depend on which of the above attitudes he adopts or probably, more to the point, his attitude may be determined by his coaching ability, remembering of course the pressures on the coach to win at all costs.

The Philips League runs a

"Mind you, it's very difficult to predict matters in the World Cup because of injuries."

"Once crucial thing in this series is having your country behind you."

In the past few months, Spain has become a very physical side and is renowned as a team which takes no prisoners.

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past the out-stretched hands of West Adelaide's reserve goalkeeper Frank Boetel.

But West Adelaide came back strongly in the second half and equalised in the 60th minute.

Ian McGregor set up the goal when he fired a cross to the far post for Graham Heys to out-jump his taller opponent and score with a superb header.

When the match went into extra time, Adelaide City was expected to over-run West Adelaide which played the day before in a Philips League match.

But West Adelaide shocked Adelaide City in the 5th minute of extra time when Honeyman slammed a 25 metre drive which goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson could not reach and watched agonisingly as the ball trickled over the goal line.

And two minutes later Honeyman broke from the centre and squared the ball to Atsalas who drove a firm ground shot into the far corner.

very competitive Youth League which involves the NSW teams plus the Institute of Sport. This of course allows the best young players to play against each other and provides for the development of players for the NSW Philips League teams.

This can be seen with the introduction this year of Jim Patikas, René Lieata, Tom McCullough, Robbie Slater etc. into Phillips League teams.

Unfortunately, their Victorian counterparts cannot play in this youth League because of economic reasons.

So their development generally takes place somewhere in the lower divisions of the Metropolitan League which, with due respect to all concerned, is just not good enough.

We must investigate quickly as to whether the idea of having a top class youth league in Victoria which will involve Phillips League and State League youth teams. This of course would give Victorian clubs justification for securing more qualified coaches with a positive brief to develop players.

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## ARGENTINA

**DANIEL PASSARELLA** An inspiring captain who sets the right example with his never-say-die spirit. Supreme in defence, dangerous in attack, too.

**Diego Maradona** Now he has the chance to prove he's the world's top player. Just a tiny doubt about his ability to overcome tight marking... No one doubts his skill.

**RAMON DIAZ** Naples-bound after the final, he could be the man in Menotti's pack. Very fast, he's difficult to mark and has scored some valuable goals.



## AUSTRIA

**BRUNO PEZZEY** Plays for Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany and the Germans rate him the best sweeper in the League. Deadly in the air from free-kicks, too.

**HERBERT PROHASKA** His experience in tight-marking Italy makes the Inter Milan star a key figure in his country's World Cup bid.

**HANS KRANKL** Probably Europe's most prolific scorer over the past six or seven years and the goals haven't dried up. His critics say he's all left foot, but it served the Austria skipper well in 1978 and he'll be a man to watch in Spain.



## BRAZIL

**JUNIOR** The Fleminho star is generally accepted as the world's top full-back. In July we'll surely have no doubt. Looking for his free-kicks.

**ZICO** At last proving to be as good as the Brazilians say he is, Zico is a regular marksman from midfield with all the traditional Brazilian skills.

**PAULO ISIDORO** Strangely, attack is Brazil's only problem and they may play just two strikers. Paulo Isidoro was outstanding against England at Wembley — remember his 'wobbly' shot that dipped and swerved as it sped towards Ray Clemence?



## CAMEROON

**FRANCOIS DOUBME LEA** Africa's best sweeper, slim, but firm in the tackle. Has great timing and positioning. Won a string of domestic honours with three clubs.

**THEOPHILE ABEGA** Nicknamed The Doctor, he's the cool, thinking head who distributes play and creates attacking moves.

**ROGER MILLA** fast, fiery central striker who plays for French League club Bastia. African Footballer of the Year in 1979. He has a fierce shot in either foot and broke Cameroon scoring records when he was with Leopards Douala and Tonnerre Yaounde.



## CHILE

**ELIAS FIGUEROA** Singer and songwriter and poet, he was voted the best-ever Chilean stopper. Three times South American Footballer of the Year. Team captain.

**MIGUEL NEIRA** Skilful, creative, tall and hard-working, he's quiet and unassuming and believes in getting on with his job.

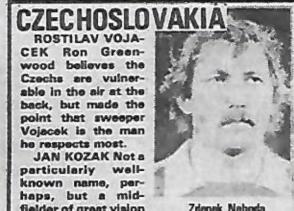
**PATRICIO YANEZ** Right flank striker who was a champion sprinter and is now valued at \$500,000 pounds — a crazy figure by Chilean standards. Plays for modest San Luis and although doctors say he has a hole-in-the-heart problem he could be a World Cup sensation.



## ENGLAND

**PHIL NEAL** Not England's most popular player, but his experience could be match-deciding factors.

**BRYAN ROBSON** Now a permanent fixture, Robson will be expected to mark the opposing dangerous and create as well; a challenge he'll enjoy.

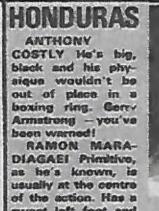


## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**ROSTILAV VOJACEK** Ron Greenwood believes the Czechs are vulnerable in the air at the back, but made the point that sweeper Vojacek is the man he respects most.

**JAN KOZAK** Not a particularly well-known name, perhaps, but a mid-fielder of great vision who, given room can cause havoc in the opposition's defence.

**ZDENEK NEHODA** The Czech veteran may be joining a foreign club after the Finals and will be out to impress, even though some feel he's past his best. Nehoda is a direct striker with a good shot and is also dangerous in the air.



## HONDURAS

**ANTHONY COSTLEY** He's big, black and his physique wouldn't be out of place in a boxing ring. Gerv Armstrong — you've been warned!

**RAMON MARADONA** Primitive, as he's known, is usually the centre of the action. He's a sweet left foot and reads the game well.

**ROBERTO FIGUEROA** Has a loose attacking role, a Steve Coppell and Kevin Keegan rolled into one. Very fast on the break and loves to cut inside and shoot with either foot. Figueroa is also a free-kick expert — either a 'blaster' or a 'bender'.



## EL SALVADOR

**JAIRO RODRIGUEZ** Tall sweeper who has experience of playing in West Germany with Bayer Uerdingen. Strong in the air and starting point of many attacks.

**JOSE HUEZO** Watch the way he glides past opponents. He's possibly the best player in Central America, good skill and a fine leader.

**JORGE GONZALES** They call him The Magician in El Salvador and say he's Central America's answer to Diego Maradona. Hmm... Gonzales isn't that good, but he has an eye for goal, although he isn't helped by the team's defensive tactics.

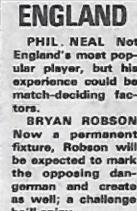


## FRANCE

**MARIUS TRESOR** Black, athletic sweeper born in Guadeloupe. Played in 1978 Final. Almost retired with a spinal injury. France still have no real sweeper.

**MICHEL PLATINI** France's number one. Regular scorer. Free-kick expert. Shrewd soccer brain. Will join Juventus next season in one million pound deal.

**DOMINIQUE ROCHEAU** France have plenty of wingers, but can't find a centre-forward to put the chances away. Now back to his best after injuries, Rocheteau is a dazzling ball player with electrifying speed down the wing. On form he'll be a big danger to England.



**KEVIN KEEGAN** The most respected English player abroad, Keegan's had a fine season, scoring regularly and looking sharp until his recent back injury. Fully fit, he'll revel in his free role and will be a great leader, on and off the field.

## ESPAÑA 82

## Programme for finals



Programme for the preliminary round of the World Cup finals:

June 16: W. Germany v Algeria; England v France; Spain v Honduras.

June 17: Chile v Australia; Czechoslovakia v Kuwait; Yugoslavia v N. Ireland.

June 18: Italy v Peru; Argentina v Hungary; Brazil v Scotland.

June 19: Poland v Cameroon; Belgium v Salvador; Soviet Union v New Zealand.

June 20: W. Germany v Chile; England v v Czechoslovakia; Spain v Yugoslavia.

June 21: Algeria v Austria; France v v Northern Ireland.

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## Meeuws' offside trap put to the test

**Unity and discipline are the main strengths of the Belgian National eleven.**

While not many pundits mention Belgium among the danger teams at the Mundial, a few nasty shocks may well come the experts' way.

After all, who tipped them for the silver medal in the European Championships, or even as one of the teams in the final four?

While their most recent trial, a friendly international against Denmark in Copenhagen, promised very little that is good for the future, it was just a friendly.

And teams which play poorly in their warmups have had in years past a dis-

concerting and regularly repeating habit of doing very well. Indeed, when it counted — at the championships.

In the person of manager Guy Thys the Belgians have a brilliant master of the craft at the helm.

During the long lead-up period his main aim was familiarity and — unlike Rudy Gudendorf's Socceros — the Belgian team was only subjected to changes in recent times when there was an emergency.

With Argentina, Hungary and Salvador also in its group, Belgium faces a stiff, but far

from impossible task to qualify for the second round.

The usual discounted as serious opponents. Not very wise, perhaps — while defending champion Argentina is unanimous favorite for the top spot.

That too should be treated with some caution, but is probable.

As for Hungarian soccer fans, every single one of them confidently tips the Magyars to finish second at the very worst.

In the background, ever so quietly, there is a core of opinion tipping the Belgians as one of the sure qualifiers.

They hold that the European championship success was no fluke.

It was the result of a number of factors, such as brilliant technical abilities, tactical preparedness, an unequalled fighting spirit and impeccable stamina, which all stood Thys' men in good stead when the chips were down.

The best part of the team probably is its midfield, made up of players who are capable

of non-stop 90 minutes of movement, and of determining the pace and style of the whole team.

WILLEM MEEUWS (Standard Liege): Recalled to international duty in 1979 after a lengthy absence, Meeuws enjoyed an outstanding European Cup run, finishing third in the following year. A solid, uncompromising centre back who is constructive when moving upfield, he is likely to miss at least one match in Spain through suspension. The Spanish are strong off the pitch, Meeuws joined Standard from FC Bruges last year.

JOS DAERDEN (Standard Liege): Had graduated from the Olympic youth ranks and as under-23s star, and as a central defender, he was formerly with FC Liege and Tongeren.

MICHEL RENOUIN (Anderlecht): After a successful year in exchange for Johnny De Bruyne and Arne Haan who moved to Standard Liege. Equally at home as central defender, left back and sweeper, he has been trusted by injury replacement Coal to determine, Renouin relishes big matches.

MARC BAECKE (Beveren): Invaluable squad member, Baecke has slipped into any defensive niche when called upon, and is considered a normal first-team choice unavailable. This warehouse cleric likes to attack and has scored some vital goals. He joined Beveren from Excelsior last summer.

GERARD PLEERS (Standard Liege): The consistency of Belgium's usual back four has limited Pleers' opportunities. Originally a defender, he is now primarily a right back, having played in several international tournaments with Lierse, Ceulemans moved to Bruges, where he has succeeded the legend of the Belgian local hero. This blond six footer exhibits speed, aggression and a lethal right foot shot. His skills are a vital facet of Belgium's counter-attacking game.

ALEX CERNYATYNSKI (Antwerp): The son of a Polish migrant coal miner, Cernyatynski made a sensational senior international debut in the crucial World Cup qualifying round against France and clinched a superb performance with a goal. A tall, powerfully built striker, Cernyatynski started his career with Antwerp for a substantial fee, but moved to Standard Liege in 1980.

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GUY VANDERNISSEN (Standard Liege): Able to play on either wing or midfield, he came to the fore during the European Cup winners' Cup run. Preud'homme, like Pfaff, joined his club as an 11-year-old, left for Standard in 1974 and spent four years at the club before moving to Spain.

JACQUES MUNARON (Anderlecht): Has been with his part-timers' club for 17 years and was "Footballer of the Year" in 1979 when it won its only Belgian championship. Despite stops to join other clubs, notably, Hibernian and Spain, Pfaff remains in Beveren, where he owns a sports store. He is one of the most reliable goalkeepers in Europe.

MICHELINE PREUD'HOMME (Standard Liege): A hero of Standard's recent European Cup winners' Cup run. Preud'homme, like Pfaff, joined his club as an 11-year-old, left for Standard in 1974 and spent four years at the club before moving to Spain.

FRANKIE VERAUTEREN (Anderlecht): A solidly built, aggressive, attacking midfielder, Verauteren was a first team regular for Belgium in a year of becoming an Anderlecht regular. His football style provides the ideal foil for his more gifted colleagues.

CLAUDE COECK (Anderlecht): Considered by many to be the best injury-free, #33, midfielder Coeck has been in and out of the team for the past four years. An excellent reader of the game, he produces sensational goals and assists and has also played as sweeper.

MAURICE DE SCHRIJVER (Lokeren): A competent, rather

than brilliant, midfielder, he has played with distinction for his club in the European Cup campaigns.

PIERRE JANSEN (Waterschei): THE DECISION OF VETERAN Wilfried Van Moer to declare himself unavailable for the European Cup has freed one of a host of substitutes. Jansen would appear to be the most likely of this group, being an effective attacking mid-fielder.

MARC MILLECAMPS (Waregem): Brother of centre back Luc, Marc had had fewer opportunities to do Belgium's jersey. A consistent durable performer in the middle of the field, he has come down when called upon.

ERWIN VANDENBERGH (Lierse): Leading scorer in the qualifying rounds and current Belgian Footballer of the Year, Vandenbergh has performed only three years ago. A natural goalscorer, this six footer may well set Spain alight with his striking ability. 23 only last January, he could continue to develop into a major European superstar.

JAN CEULEMANS (Club Brugge): Devastating down either flank, Ceulemans was the sensation of the European Championships of 1978. Now 26, he was Belgium's Footballer of the Year. Originally with Lierse, Ceulemans moved to Bruges, where he has succeeded the legend of the Belgian local hero. This blond six footer exhibits speed, aggression and a lethal right foot shot. His skills are a vital facet of Belgium's counter-attacking game.

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GUY THYS (Manager): This is his father, a forward with Beerschot for 11 years. It wasn't until he moved to Standard Liege though that they gained his two international caps. In 1954 he joined Cercle Brugge as player-manager before moving on to Lokeren, Wenzel Herremans Club Bruges, Beerschot and St. Gilgen in Austria. Appointed to the national post in 1977, Thys set about restructuring the side.

## Tim's old Peruvians to attack the world

PERU's 2-1 win in Hungary and 1-0 defeat of France in Paris on their recent European tour served as a message to those who were, once again, ready to write-off the South Americans as old has-beens.

If their side contains a few veterans, those golden oldies have shown that they're not ready to be put out to grass.

The man who is in charge of Peru is a Brazilian and the oldest manager of the finals: Elba da Padua Lima. His age has been quoted as somewhere between 64 and 71. His skin is brown and he has contrasting blue eyes.

His voice is hoarse, a testimony to the three packets of cigarettes a day he smokes. But the man known simply as Tim, 34 years a manager and just over 20 years a player, is a shrewd old fox.

Tim speaks almost in a whisper as he talks about his football philosophies and his adopted country, Peru.

"I didn't want to come to Peru. I was quite happy coaching San Pablo dos Campos in San Pablo, Brazil. We were unbeaten leaders in the League when I left. Why did I leave? Peru offered me more money than I was getting in Brazil."

"The contract was only for three months, but I thought 'why not?' When I arrived everything was in chaos. Nothing had been done and the World Cup qualifiers were on top of us. I had to start from scratch.

"The first thing I did was to study videos of Peru's performances in the 1978 World Cup. Once I knew something about the players I devised tactics accordingly."

"The team that attacks well loses out in defence, and a side that defends will play at the expense of its attack."

"I would always rather attack and fortunately Peru has many good attacking players."

"I demand that every ball should be played forward. Despite my players' innocence they learned quickly and we topped our qualifying group."

"People talk about players being too old. I'm not worried about age; as long as they are physically fit they'll have no problems. The World Cup only lasts for a month."

"I think we'll go through Poland. No, not Italy. They're no longer at their best and they've been hit by injuries."

"Cameroon worry me, though. I saw them in 1972 and they were good then. The players were fast and skilful. Since then they've played under some excellent coaches and must have improved."

"After the Finals I'm going home. I'll start a football school for kids, 16 to 19-year-olds in Fluminense, by favour of Weisweiler coach."

"This is my last period abroad. I've already turned down an offer from Saudi Arabia for 15,000 pounds a month."

"What good is money if I have to be away from my two daughters and grand children?"



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### TELE SANTANA

Telé Santana, 51, a former winger with Rio clubs Fluminense and Vasco da Gama (since 1951) and coach of several Brazilian clubs since 1967 (with whom he won a few championships) became Brazil's national team coach in 1979 although he said at the time: "Being Brazil's national team coach is a good way of growing old quickly and you have little chance of success, because for Brazil even second place is defeat."

Well known for his attacking tactics and discipline, he immediately set about implementing both, doing away with the rigid tactic which had down Brazil's always excellent ball players during the 1978 World Cup finals when they were third and considered a failure.

In other words, he brought the joy back into Brazilian soccer both for the players (who never liked being tied down to tactics) and the fans who always want to see their team attack.

But he does admit: "Brazil will have to suffer goals against them in Spain, but a team which goes out to attack must accept this and we'll score more goals than the opposition."

Telé Santana also hates rough soccer and he has excluded several star players from his line-up, simply not picking others with a history of rough play.

Under him the Brazilian team has played 29 matches, winning 21 and losing only two and scoring 65 goals — an average of over 2.2 per game — against 17 (0.51).

He says: "The perfect team does not exist, if it does, I've never seen it. If we find only one defect, that good. One defensive error, when they score against us, is almost normal. If it weren't for that we wouldn't have to play. We'd be champions of everything and win all our matches. I don't want perfection, but simply that Brazil plays good football with good physical preparation and understanding."

Telé Santana has a high regard for Yugoslavia and the French. "We would expect either West Germany, Spain or Yugoslavia as, according to the structure of this championship, we would have to eliminate other favourites such as Argentina, Belgium or the Soviet Union on the way."

### LUIS MENOTTI

ARGENTINA's 43-year-old chain-smoking manager/coach, Cesar Luis Menotti, has been in charge of the national team on a regular basis much longer than any of his predecessors — since October, 1974, although he says that when his contract expires at the end of this year he will not renew it.

Guillermo Stabile had been in charge of the national team for a longer period in the 40s and 50s, but never on a regular contract basis.

Menotti is also the first coach in Argentina who, with the FA's full backing, has been able to take players from their clubs for lengthy national team training — for four months again this year — which makes him the envy of coaches the world over.

A former half with several Argentine clubs as well as Santos (Brazil), and the New York Generals, he started coaching in 1970 and took Huracán to their only first division title in 1973 with this kind of attractive soccer not been seen in Argentine club soccer since.

He is a great believer in attractive and clean attacking soccer, but has been criticised for sticking to certain players even if they are not the best in their position.

But he has done this, because he found in them the right character to fit into his group. For the same reason he has made as few changes as possible in the squad which has helped him to build up a personal relationship with his players such as other national team coaches probably do not enjoy.

Menotti will be paid the equivalent of \$66,000 plus match bonuses ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,600 by the FA.

He also gets fixed sums from two sports clothes firms (Puma and Ellesse) and has commercial contracts with Shell and a publishing firm that edits the country's leading sports magazine.

A fan recently sent him a box with implements to shine shoes on the street "in case he failed to retain the World Cup in Spain". Menotti is quiet confident, but kept the box in his office all the same.

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Russia, back row: Oleg Blokhin, Leonid Buryak, Yuri Sushoparov, Renat Dassayev, Anatoly Demyanenko, Andrei Bal. Front row: Tengiz Sulakvelidze, Sergei Borovsky, Ramas Shengelia, Vitaly Daraselia, Yuri Gevrilov.

Hungarian striker Tibor Nyilasi

## Russia's form slipped

No souvenirs. No big build-up. No World Cup mascot. No charter flights full of fans heading for Spain.

So much for World Cup fever in Russia! And besides the low-key approach to the finals, the Soviets are worried stiff about their team.

This time last year the Russians were on top of the world. Their well-drilled team was being quoted as one of the biggest threats to favourites Brazil. And, of course, far too hot for poor old Scotland to handle.

BUT AFTER THE RUSSIANS BEAT LOWLY GREECE 2-0 A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK, THEIR FORM WENT DOWNHILL.

Dynamo Kiev, and Dynamo Tbilisi, the club sides that provide almost the entire international squad, have gone off the boil. Both are halfway down the Russian First Division. At the top are the almost-unknown Armenians, Ararat.

So anxious is manager Konstantin Beskov, he recently announced — "Last season the national squad inspired hopes in us with its confident and effective play, but now it is out of its prime."

Then, running the rule over Alexander Chivadze, from Tbilisi, Beskov said the defender is "displaying truly disconcerting results, up to 40 per cent errors per game." (True to their usual methodical style, the Russians graph each international's play in league matches, detailing "saves" to count accurate passes, tackles, etc.)

Beskov had already uttered that pessimistic opinion when the news filtered through that Leonid Buryak, Russia's midfield mastermind, had broken his ankle. Also captain Vladimir Bessonov has ligament damage.

Soviet Union pic/pictures: RENAT DASSAYEV (Moscow Spartak): has been Russia's number one goalkeeper for the past three years, and is particularly safe in the air and also has excellent reflexes.

OTARI GABELIA (Dynamo Tbilisi): 29 years old, came to the fore during his club's European Cup Winner's Cup winning campaign of 1981 but has few appearances at international level.

VIKTOR CHANOV (Shakhtyor Donetsk): A product of the Soviet under-23 championships, he won the 1984 European under-23 championships.

TENGIZ SULAKVELIDZE (Dynamo Tbilisi): a very tall player who has moved into any defensive role or in midfield. He possesses a strong shot and has scored some spectacular goals.

ALEXANDER CHIVADZE (Dynamo Tbilisi): A superb right-winger, he is developing fast. His style has been compared with the great West German Franz Beckenbauer. Strong in the air, sharp in the tackle and capable of producing stunning shots at goal, Chivadze was Russia's Foothaller of the Year in 1982.

YURI SUSLOPAROV (Moscow Torpedo): A full back, Susloparov comes from the club which represents the gigantic ZIL motor works. He has only a handful of full international caps to his credit.

SELESTIN BOBROVSKI (Dynamo Moscow): A specialist left back, Bobrovski has proved a consistent performer on the few occasions he has been called up for international duty.

SERGEI BALTAZH (Dynamo Tbilisi): Considerable in any defensive battle, Baltazh is hard to dislodge and displays fine ball control. Only recently introduced to senior internationals, he was groomed in the Olympic selection.

By PAUL MOON

ANATOLY DEMYANENKO (Dynamo Kiev): Another player capable of fitting into any niche in the back line, Demyanenko has only recently forced his way into the side. At 23, he and Chanov are the "babies" of the side.

ALEXANDER BUBNOV (Dynamo Moscow): Russia's most experienced defender, he is solid in the air and a good tackler. His defensive role frees Chivadze to move upfield.

VITALI DARASELIA (Dynamo Tbilisi): An elegant midfielder, Daraselia burst onto the scene last year when scoring a brilliant goal in the European Cup Winner's Cup final. So far, however, he has had little international success. Russia's glut of quality midfielders may rob him of an appearance in Spain.

ANDREI BAL (Dynamo Kiev): A recent addition to the squad, Bal is, at the time of writing, no caps to his name. A talented young player who has progressed magnificently since moving from Karpaty Lvov last year.

VLADIMIR BESSONOV (Dynamo Kiev): Easily distinguished by his blond hair, Bessonov was part of the Soviet team which won the 1981 Gold Medal Junior Championship in 1977. He moves all over the paddock, being not only an effective ball winner at the back, but also showing sufficient speed and stamina to consistently support his forwards.

YURI GEVRILOV (Moscow Spartak): a calm and intelligent player, especially in midfield or attack. Possessing speed in abundance, he is also a strong tackler.

RAMAZ SHENGELIA (Dynamo Tbilisi): The Soviet League's top scorer ever, he has also been acclaimed "Footballer of the Year" for a second consecutive year. Shengelia was widely tipped to emerge as the world's top striker in Spain. This physical education teacher is well powerful with either foot and also extremely dangerous in the air, despite only medium height. An aggressive runner, Shengelia also helps out in midfield when necessary.

OLEG BLOKHIN (Dynamo Kiev): Now back to the form which made him Europe's Footballer of the Year in 1978, Blokhin is again a major sporting power from his mother, who was a Soviet hurdle champion. He is also a deadly finisher, being the all-time leading goalscorer in the Russian League and for his country. Nicknamed "The Ukrainian Kleev", Blokhin promises to give opposing teams a terrible time during the World Cup. Recently the authorities denied his request to pursue a professional career in the west.

LEIKAI DASAYEV (SKA): From the Far East, Dasayev is a tall, athletic forward who has been compared with the great West German Franz Beckenbauer. Strong in the air, sharp in the tackle and capable of producing stunning shots at goal, Chivadze was Russia's Foothaller of the Year in 1982.

KHOBEN OGANESEYAN (Armenia Yerevan): Technically immaculate, Oganesyan shoots well with both feet and works extremely hard. His Armenian club is named after the nearby Mount Ararat; of Noah's Ark and its legend.

VADIM PETUSHENKO (Dynamo Kiev): has made rapid strides since making his senior debut for Kiev just two years ago.

KONSTANTIN BESKOV (Manager): Beskov first gained international attention during the Soviet 1982 tour to Dynamo Moscow, for which he selected goals during an illustrious career. Turning to management, Beskov has been in charge of three Moscow clubs — Dynamo, Torpedo and Spartak. He took Spartak to the Second Division, to the Division One championship and twice second. Now in the role of second spell in charge of the national team, he has built a combination which the USSR can justifiably be proud of.

Most of the managers of the 24 World Cup finalists looked forward to the big event with some measure of trepidation, knowing that their livelihood in most instances depended on the results achieved.

Not so Kálmán Meszoly of Hungary, even though he is in charge of one of the most problematic squads in Spain.

In April the Hungarian Football Federation decided to extend his contract, which expires just after the World Cup, for a further four years.

It was a big vote of confidence in one of the youngest managers on the international scene and by a country whose soccer setup is beset with moral, financial and administrative problems.

Meszoly had mixed feelings about the preparations.

He expected a lot from the d.o.m.e.s.t.i.c.i.e.g.a.u.e. championship, wanting it to be the "preliminary tournament" for his squad members. This was the reason behind the decision to hold full competition rounds twice a week just like in Spain.

I asked all our players, club and coaches, for hard, physical, modern football, played at top pace for the full 90 minutes of each First Division match," he said.

"During the second half of the season this ideal was fulfilled to a much larger extent than during the early rounds, with most teams determined to win and not looking for easy draws.

"As a result the stamina of our players increased considerably, leading to a major improvement in team work.

Meszoly was pleased with the further improvement of some of the tourists to Australia and New Zealand early in the year.

On the other hand, others did not comply with the manager's express demand that they be the pacemakers in every respect with their clubs.

Motivation was not always apparent, form fluctuated wildly from week to week and lack of fitness was also evident at times.

At the World Cup players do not have several minutes at a time available to "disappear" from play and simply jog around for a bit of a rest.

"Nonetheless, this is what happened at a number of league games with some of our stars."

Meszoly is also bitterly critical of the lack of assistance from Hungarian referees in Cup preparations.

The federation requested Hungarian officials to allow maximum latitude within the laws of the game for hard, physical, but fair play, while mercilessly cracking down on rough incidents.

"Unfortunately, this did not happen. Consistency was lacking in decisions, a lot of rough

big squad, so young Murphy was given a free transfer.

"I signed with Falkirk and had other offers as well, but I was disillusioned, so I took up an opportunity to come to Australia on a temporary visa. I intended to stay only a short while, but I'm still here and I'm enjoying it."

At Croatia, he has been in the company of the very best players in State League soccer. Steve Kokosa, Tommy Cumming, Pat Bannon, Eddie Kruevich, John Gardiner, Dave Brogan, Billy Vojtek, Yakkha Banovic, and that exciting little winger Josip Biskic whose reputation is growing by the week.

LAURIE SCHWAB

## Lisbon's Meszaros beat Magyars' smoking ban

By PETER SCOTT

stuff was overlooked, while they pulled up incidents which most foreign referees wouldn't even budge.

Our players often complained to me that justification that they did not know what attitude to take.

"What was considered fair and normal in Australia was not allowed in Budapest and the harm from this, I fear, may be obvious in Spain," Meszoly said.

An interesting aspect of the Hungarian preparations is that all players were completely banned from smoking. However, Meszoly advocates that all Hungarian contract players be under a permanent smoking ban.

It is intriguing that one of the men Hungary depends on most is also a nicotine addict, goalie Ferenc Meszaros, who would be glad plays for Sporting Lisbon in Portugal far from Meszoly's eagle eyes.

Nonetheless Meszoly is convinced that Meszaros will

maintain his spectacular form of the qualifying games and that "At long last we'll return from a World Cup in the knowledge that goalkeeping didn't torpedo our hopes and plans".

Another interesting figure in Hungary's plans is young Imre Garics.

He was voted the player of the year by fans in 1981 and Meszoly is delighted with his development, while cautioning him to cut down on the rough stuff which has led to a number of premature expulsions from games.

Another very interesting aspect is that a number of Hungarians are based in Belgium — Martos and Fazekas for example.

And a new name to remember is that of Lazar Szentes who was scoring goals this season, leading provincial club Raba Eto to the title and netting in the first minute of his international debut against Peru.

No doubt about it! Hungary is one of the biggest question marks in the mundial.

It would not surprise to see it challenging for a sport in the final four — or being eliminated in the first round.

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## Sturrock, Murphy linked with Neery

Ken Murphy parts with words as readily as a dental patient surrenders his tooth.

His soccer ability talks for him, as we saw in Victoria's clash with Watford at Olympic Park. While the Englishmen were ploughing the pitch with the unfortunate Victorians, Murphy resisted valiantly. At the end, his opposing full back, Martin Patching, had had his reputation battered so badly that he must have felt wrong about sharing any credit for the victory.

Murphy, 25, of Melbourne Croatia, is one of the best footballers outside the Philips League.

Heidelberg and Makedonia tried to lure him to the PSL a



Ken Murphy

time apprenticeship in fitting and turning.

He had two senior games with Dundee, in the company of Andy Gray, Dave Neery and Paul Sturrock who all were to become Scottish internationals. But Dundee had a

feeling times, but the first time he wasn't interested, and the second time Heidelberg couldn't afford the transfer fee, reputed to be \$20,000.

At the moment, Murphy is playing for Croatia on option until the end of the season.

"I've enjoyed Croatia a lot, but I really want to give PSL a go before I get too old," he says.

He's in his sixth season with Croatia, having come from Scotland after he had just turned 20.

He joined Dundee United upon leaving school, and combined his soccer with a part-

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## PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	6 2 1 19:9	5 1 3 14:7	33:16	25					
2 (3) APIA-LEICHHARDT	6 2 1 18:12	3 3 3 16:18	34:30	23					
3 (4) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS	6 2 1 21:6	2 4 3 11:13	32:19	22					
4 (2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	7 1 1 14:5	2 3 4 13:18	27:24	22					
5 (6) Heidelberg-Alexander	6 2 2 19:13	2 3 3 9:12	28:25	21					
6 (5) Sydney Olympic	4 1 4 16:10	4 2 3 17:16	33:26	18					
7 (7) Marconi-Datsun	6 1 2 23:10	2 1 5 6:14	29:24	18					
8 (9) Preston-Makedonia	4 4 1 17:12	2 2 5 9:19	26:31	17					
9 (8) Brisbane Lions	4 2 3 17:11	1 5 3 9:11	26:22	17					
10 (12) Canberra City	3 3 4 16:16	2 4 2 11:13	27:29	17					
11 (10) Wollongong	4 1 3 10:13	3 2 5 10:20	20:33	17					
12 (13) Footscray JUST	2 6 1 14:11	1 4 4 10:18	24:30	16					
13 (11) South Melbourne Hellas	4 2 2 14:9	1 3 6 11:16	25:25	15					
14 (14) Adelaide City Juventus	3 4 2 13:8	1 2 6 8:13	23:23	14					
15 (15) Newcastle KB United	2 4 3 11:12	2 1 6 13:21	24:33	13					
16 (16) Brisbane City	3 4 2 15:13	0 1 8 1:24	16:37	11					

## PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

HOSZOWSKI (2)  
(Canberra)

McVEIGH (1) (Bris. C)	BLAIR (3) (SM-Hellas)	XANTHOPOULOS (1) (SM-Hellas)	TANSEY (1) (H'berg)
J. CAMPBELL (4) (H'berg)	DAVIDSON (2) (SM-Hellas)	BOHAN (1) (Brisb. City)	
MURRAY (4) (Syd. City)	JANKOVICS (3) (Marconi)	P. O'CONNOR (1) (Wollongong)	

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# Heidelberg for the PSL title -Campbell

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"We're going all the way to the top," said Jim Campbell after leading Heidelberg to a 3-1 victory over St. George last Sunday.

"We can win the championship."

Former World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly agrees. "We won't drop the silly points we dropped in the first half of the season, and I really think we can go on to win the title," Reilly said. If their confidence is justified, Heidelberg should beat Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday, but then last Sunday's form can't be taken as an accurate yardstick because St George was reduced to 10 men before half time.

Nevertheless, Jamie Paton is back in form up front, Campbell is, according to many good judges, including Reilly, the best midfielder in Australia at the moment, and Jim Tansey is back to his best in defence.

If Heidelberg is to beat Olympic, it would benefit greatly from a victory by South Melbourne Hellas over Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, for this would reduce the gap between the leading teams.

Sydney City had five injured players after its victory over Sydney Olympic last Sunday — John Spanos, Murray Barnes, Vassilios Murray, Steve O'Connor and David Mitchell.

City's choices depend very much on whether these players recover in time.

Sydney Olympic coach Doug Collins is concerned that most opposing teams concentrate on nullifying his star midfielders Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos, and that certain players still are out of form.

Heidelberg concentrates on playing its own game rather than on marking opponents, so Katholos and Raskopoulos will get their chance to turn the tide for Olympic.

But with Cole, Paton, Campbell and young Bekiaris firing, Olympic will pay dearly for any gaps it leaves in its defence.

South Melbourne Hellas, which continues to show major changes in its line-up, could find itself in danger of relegation, if it loses again on Sunday.

Coach Tommy Doherty dropped captain Alun Evans and goalkeeper Peter Launton last week, replacing them with Billy Rogers and changed the mid-field to the forward line, and reserve goalkeeper Lou Tsigaras.

Now Doherty is back in England for about 10 days, and during that time he will try to recruit as many as three new players.

How that will effect the confidence of the players now in the team remains to be seen.

APIA, meanwhile, is reported to have made a tentative approach for Evans, who was substituted in two matches before Doherty dropped him altogether.

St George left back Rob O'Shea will have served his one-match suspension on Monday's Phillips Cup game, so he'll be back to help Saints subdue Craig Johnston of Newcastle at St George Stadium on Sunday.

Saints are reported to have agreed to pay Newcastle a percentage of the gate takings to assist with the cost of having Johnston play guest games.

Australian soccer really needs more dedicated youngsters of the calibre to have a consistent future in the world arena.

That's the viewpoint of APIA's Peter Wilson, whose 115 appearances for Australia (62 full caps) is an all-time record.

Wilson said: "I believe that the young Australian players possess more basic skills than youngsters from England.

"However, I notice our youth players are inclined to play their matches and then stop thinking about their game until the following weekend."

"I started out in England with Middlesbrough, Craig Johnston's club before he transferred to Liverpool.

"I cleaned the players' boots and tidied up the bathrooms.

"It was a tremendous honor to do the boots for the first team, but here youngsters would not be interested in such a menial job."

West Adelaide faces one of its biggest tests when it meets Wollongong at Wollongong on Sunday. Wests have powered relentlessly up the ladder to be perched within three points of league leadership.

But Wollongong has taken the scalps of some of the league's leading teams in recent weeks, and are sure to bring the best out of Wests' Robbie Dunn, Neil McGahey and Matty Crook.

Wests, though, will defend, hoping for a break via Graham Heys. Both teams are running hot, and the most likely outcome appears to be a draw.

Makedonia, having notched only its second away win of the season in beating Canberra City last week, will have George Todorovski back after suspension, to face APIA at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

With Peter Ollerton and Alan Whittle adding their experience to the midfield, Makedonia now has two players who can feed the right type of ball to breakaway striker Doug Brown — providing Ollerton decides to bring Brown back.

It was because he was disappointed in Brown's recent form that Ollerton dropped him to the bench last week, but you can't very well leave out your top scorer at home.

Bronte and Bronte City will clash in the fierce Queensland derby at Richlands, with Clive J. Hermiston confronting his former club for the second time in less than a week.

But despite Hermiston's steady influence in defence, Lions look too accomplished.

Footscray JUST, poised in the uncertain twilight between safety and relegation danger, goes to Marconi Stadium secure in the knowledge that it hasn't been beaten in the league for six weeks.

Jim Kendarios is in excellent form, as he has to be to control Mark Jankovics. Similarly, Kyri Kyriakoules and Igor Hazabent are more than capable of dealing with René Licata and Ian Hunter.

JUST could win this in breakaways. Ricky Budini and Vic Bozanic like to attack, so these two full backs may leave gaps for Zdravko Lujic and Mendo Ristovski to exploit.

With Newcastle improving rapidly, Adelaide City could slump into the relegation zone if it fails to beat Canberra at Sports Field on Sunday.

Canberra however, has greater strength in attack (Purdie, Gibson, Brennan) and midfield (Gary Byrne, Christopoulos, Stone), and so I expect the visitors to win.

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN WOLLONGONG

Wollongong v. West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Wollongong Showgrounds.

IN MELBOURNE

South Melbourne Hellas v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Middle Park.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v. APIA-LEICHARDT at Connor Reserve.

IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE LIONS v. Brisbane City at Richlands.

IN SYDNEY

Marconi-Datsun v. Footscray JUST. (draw) at Marconi Stadium.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v. Newcastle KB United at St George Stadium.

Sydney Olympic v. HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER at Pratten Park.

IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide City Juventus v. CANBERRA CITY at Olympic Sports Field.

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ST GEORGE BUDAPEST  
1 (Wilkinson) at Olympic Village. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. J. Campbell (H), 5. Tansey (H), 4 M. O'Shea (St G), 3. Marton (St G), 2. Paton (H), 1. Cole (H).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Ratnevski) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Wright) at Schnell's Reserve. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Kondoros (JUST), 5. Burns (BL), 4. Koje (JUST), 3. Circ (JUST), 2 Lowndes (BL), 1 Hazebert (JUST).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 2 (Jones, Johnston) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at International Sports Centre. Votes by Jon Lanzoni:

6. Hamilton (N), 5. Sneddon (N), 4. Banfield (AC), 3. Johnston (N), 2. Treddinick (N), 1. Villani (AC).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Hamilton) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Ollerton, Whittle) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Bohan (BC), 5. Jones (Mak), 4. Liddell (BC), 3. McVeigh (BC), 2. Little (Mak), 1. Hermiston (BC).

CANBERRA 2 (T. Byrne, I. Stone) MARCONI 0 at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Jankovics (M), 5. Hoszowski (C), 3. McCullagh (M), 2. Christopoulos (C), 1. Ontong (C).

APIA-LEICHARDT 2 (Bradley, Giampaolo pen) WOLLONGONG 2 (O'Connor) 2 at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. O'Connor (W), 5. Bradley (APIA), 4. Bertogna (W), 3. Cotton (W), 2. Butler (APIA), 1. Giampaolo (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Mitchell, Murray)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (K. Wilson) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Ted Simmons:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Murray (SC), 4. Cant (SC), 3. Robertson (SC), 2. K. Wilson (SO), 1. Raskopoulos (SO).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Brown) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Hindmarsh. Votes by Mono Toutsidis:

6. Davidson (SM), 5. Xanthopoulos (SM), 4. Dunn (WA), 3. McGahey (WA), 2. Blair (SM), 1. Egan (SM).

Leaders:

72. Katholos (SO), 53. McGahey (WA), 50. Dunn (WA), 49. Bradley (APIA), 48. Stone (St G), 46. Bertogna (W), 45. Marton (St G), 43. Illoki (JUST), 41. J. Campbell (H'berg), 40. Redfern (SO), 37. Honeyman (WA), 36. Northcote (AC), 35. Bennett (BL), 35. Russell (AC).

32. Kosimina (SC), 1. Byrne (Can).

30. Banfield (AC), Murray (SC), Adam (W), Soper (APIA).

29. Egan (SM), Henderson (Marc), Hermiston (BC).

27. Xanthopoulos (Mak), Treddinick (M), Jankovics (Marc), G. Byrne (Can).

26. Yzendoorn (H'berg), O'Reilly (JUST), Hunter (Marc).

25. Davidson (SM), 6. Campbell (SM), Lowe (Mak), Raskopoulos (SO), Roberson (SO).

24. McMillan (H.Berg), Boyle (Mak), Purdie (Can), 23. Ratcliffe (St G).

22. Brown (Mak), Niven, Millman (BL), 21. Heys (WA), Kondoros (JUST), Blair (SM), Dando (N), Barton (St G), Conner (BC).

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# Adelaide City outplayed us: Johnston

**Newcastle 2  
Adel. City 0**



**Joe Lanzoni**

In fact he thought they were the better team.

"To be honest, they outplayed us today."

Johnston said he found it hard work after the lay-off from the English season and was lacking a little match fitness.

The game became rather spiteful when referee Tim Davies sent off Adelaide City striker John Nyskohus in the 63rd minute for using foul and abusive language.

Davies said later: "It was directed at me and even my linesman heard it."

Davies admitted it was one of the most difficult games he had to control and was surprised to see the sending off of Nyskohus who also booked Adelaide City players Neil Bantfield, Bobby Russell and Neville Flounders.

Johnston showed some clever touches in the first half and almost scored a goal from a free kick in the 43rd minute when he blasted the ball from 40 metres and it rattled the crossbar. This was one occasion that Adelaide City's former Scottish goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson was beaten.

Newcastle's first goal came in the 63rd minute and from a corner kick taken by midfield man Jim Hamilton, David Jones' back-heeler found the net.

Adelaide City had its chances but it was real powder puff shooting from its forwards when in goal scoring positions.

Johnston was flattened twice in the second half by Bantfield and Flounders but it was his run into the box when he was brought down by Bugsy Nyskohus which decided the match when referee Davies pointed to the penalty spot.

**Liverpool's Craig Johnston was given a hero's reception after he led Newcastle KB United to a 2-0 win over Adelaide City.**

A crowd of 10,351 turned out to see the local boy make good in the hard rind of English First Division football and he didn't let them down.

Johnston was the target of one over-zealous tackling in the second half but he clinched Newcastle's victory with a penalty goal in the 74th minute.

Johnston, sporting several bruises, said after the match: "I don't like taking penalties but I always planned it to go into the right hand corner," he said.

Johnston was far from happy with the tackling of the Adelaide City players.

He said: "What they did out there you don't call tackling." Yet the Liverpool star still had a few kind words for Adelaide City.

# Gilroy acknowledges growing reputation of Zoran Ilioski

**JUST 1  
Bris. Lions 1**



**Peter Desira**

tur which beat keeper Nigel Lowndes but bounced off the post.

Apart from Ilioski, the star of the match should have been Alan Sunderland the Arsenal and England international presently guesting with Lions.

But the striker had an unhappy afternoon in which he did a ton of work off the ball but got little service from his fellow forwards and little

space to work in from Jim Koniaris in the centre and Kyri Kyriakoules when he moved wide.

He crowned the day with a booking for retaliation on Jim Milne once the defender had been allowed to play on after having him down.

The foul which was given provided a real pointer to the man who took the limelight from the real stars of the afternoon — Jim Fearn.

The referee was given a rolling service by the JUST supporters after a bad start when he gave a free kick from which Lions took the lead after only two minutes.

Fearn saw an infringement everybody else missed when Jim O'Reilly tackled Sunderland and the resultant free kick taken by Williamson went in. Williamson then scored a goal when Danny Wright got up at the far post to head home.

Williamson hit the upright

with a shot from the left in the 17th minute and Sunderland had a shot cleared off the line by Igor Hazabent before JUST gained its composure to equalise in the 38th minute.

The goal came from another deadball situation. Lowndes lost an aerial duel with Vlatko Belic from Zdravko Ljubic's free kick on the right and Mendo Ristovski was on hand to knock the loose ball home.

JUST was the better side after the break with Kojic playing a prominent part up front.

But there were no further goals and in the end both sides had to settle for a point.

The draw was Footscray's 10th of the season — the PSL's highest.

It also cost JUST its 100 per cent record against Brisbane Lions — the club had beaten Lions in their previous five visits to Footscray.

## Fashanu finds long-lost dad

Instead of gloating for Adelaide City Juventus during the forthcoming English close season as he has done in the past two years, Justin Fashanu (pictured) will be in Nigeria — to meet his father.

A Nigerian newspaper recently traced Patrick Fashanu, who walked out on three-year-old Justin and his mother in 1964, to a suburb of Lagos.

The infant was subsequently raised by a Norfolk clergyman and his wife.

Fashanu states that he harbors no grudges against his natural father, whom it transpires is a tribal chief and one of Nigeria's most prominent lawyers.

Why then should he want to meet a man who brought grief and suffering to his mother?

"Everyone has a right to know his father," he explained. "Even though I never will understand why mine chose to abandon mum and dad."

The meeting will be just one more traumatic event in a year which already has seen Fashanu, a two million dollar signing from Norwich City last September, lose his place in the Nottingham Forest first team after a series of inept performances.

— PAUL MOON

# Todorovski, Cairney, Hamilton ousted

**Bris. City 1  
Makedonia 2**

**Scorers:** Whittle 19th, Ollerton 61st (M), Hamilton 26th (BC).

**Ground:** about 1400.

**Referee:** Tony Pezzano (M).

**Cautions:** Petroski (M), Palinkas (BC).

**Referee:** Allan Kibbler 7.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Pozzani 7,

McVeigh 8, Liddell 8, Hor-

miston 7, Perry 7, Palinkas 6,

Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7,

Conner 6, Bohan 9, Carey 7

(Cairney 73rd).

**MAKEDONIA:** Potter 6,

Little 8, Miranda 7 (Brown

83rd), Ollerton 7, Whittle 7,

(Makdona 73rd).

**Todorovski 7, Jones 8, Flavel 7, Lucchesi 7, Petroski 7, Ward 7.**

The Philips League comeback of Brisbane City import Joe Cairney lasted only 10 minutes after he was sent off with Makedonia defender George Todorovski at Spencer Park last weekend.

Cairney was placed on the substitutes' bench after scoring regularly in Brisbane City's State League side and got his chance back in the PSL team when he replaced Peter Carey in the 73rd minute. Cairney's first touch was a delicate chest down which Joe Petroski failed to put away for a save, unfortunately he became involved in an altercation with the big Preston defender.

It is uncertain who started

hesitation in sending both off, although Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton was very surprised to see Todorovski march off as well.

Later in the dressing room though neither Ollerton nor City coach Neer Saitch had any sympathy for the two players.

City midfielder Bobby Hamilton also was suspended for the next game when he was reported for alleged after-match foul language to the match officials. PSL secretary Paul Kemp, in Brisbane for a sponsorship release, heard the referee's report in the dressing room after the match and immediately suspended the player. Ljubo Petroski and Palinkas also were cautioned for tripping which along with late tackles were unfortunately a feature of the match.

The game never reached any great heights and this was partially because Preston Makedonia did twice what the onus was on City to produce the football and although it played it around well at the back it lacked bite up front.

Makedonia goalkeeper Steve Potter was lacking confidence with every high ball which came into the penalty box and the City strikers could do little more than get themselves over the bar. The City shots from outside the box at times only trickled towards the goal.

New Makedonia signing David Jones was outstanding and cleared away many of the balls missed by Potter.

The best player on the park though was Brisbane City striker Bevan Bohan, who ran all day and contested and chased any ball which was not closely controlled.

He created several chances

and will be an even better

player for City when he has the confidence to take on more players and go for goal himself. At one stage he squared a ball to Willie Conner whose shot then missed, when perhaps Bohan should have shot himself.

It was from the goalkick from Conner's miss that Makedonia scored the first goal. Gary Ward recovered the ball, took it down the left, and crossed into the penalty box. Claude Lucchesi did well to beat his marker and get to the ball first and knock it down for Alan Whittle.

Whittle's shot was not one of the best he has ever hit, but he steered it wide enough to get past City keeper Tony Pezzano who had begun to dive the other way.

Brisbane City struck back shortly after when Potter missed a high cross by Frank Pimblett and knocked it down for Hamilton to put away. With the scores deadlocked at halftime Preston obviously decided, and Ollerton admitted afterwards, to go for the draw and played his best cards from the bench in the second half.

In one of their few forward breaks, Makedonia earned a free-kick from which Ollerton got the winner when he delicately chipped over the wall. Such was the expertise of the kick it is hard to blame either Pezzano or the City defence.

That goal virtually sealed the result as Makedonia packed the defence and although City gave some excitement in the press conference crowd with some last minute attempts, at best they could only have been described as half chances. Unfortunately for City until it can get a regular goalscorer it is destined for relegation.

the incident but the two players first caught the eye of referee Allan Kibbler who motioned to them to get on with the game in the 81st minute. It was in the 83rd minute that Kibbler turned around and allegedly saw the two players spit at each other. He had no

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# Canberra confounds its critics

**Canberra 2  
Marconi 0**

**Scorers:** T. Byrne 1, Stone.  
**Ground:** Bruce Stadium.  
**Crowd:** About 2000.

**Referee:** Ken Allen 8.

**CANBERRA:** Hoszowski 8,  
Ontong 8, T. Byrne 8, Milovanovic 7, Ambrosio 7 — G.  
Byrne 7, Christopoulos 8, I.  
Stone 7 — Gibson 7, Purdie 6  
(Rais 75th), Brennen 7.

**MARCONI:** Maher 6 — Bo-  
zmanic 6, Calderon 7, Prakalo 5,  
Budini 6 — Vieri 6, Henderson  
7, McClellan 8, Silvia 6 (inj  
Lieb HT 6) — Hunter 6, Jan-  
kovich 9.

Underdogs Canberra City once more astounded the critics with a fighting, thoroughly deserved 2-0 victory over Marconi.

And the hero of the game was Canberra half back Ian Stone.

It was Stone who set up the tie-breaking first goal after 58 minutes and then finished Canberra's scoring five minutes later.

The first half was a dull, lacklustre 45 minutes when Canberra, with quick tackling and skilful use of the offside trap, brought the Marconi scoring machine to a standstill.

Marconi fielded the same attacking formation that crashed seven goals past APIA Leichhardt the previous weekend but last Sunday it was held convincingly.

It was continually frustrated by Canberra's offside tactics.

But both sides had great first half scoring opportunities.

Marconi forward Tom McCullough was given time and space to score in the 20th minute but crashed his shot into the arms of waiting Canberra goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski.

And right on the half-time whistle a well placed header by Canberra's George Christopoulos was superbly saved by Marconi's goalkeeper, Allan Maher.

Maher could not be blamed for the tie-breaking goal.

Stone made ground down the left flank and found space to send in a neat centre which was headed on by Canberra's striker Tony Brennan.

The ball fell at the feet of Canberra captain Terry Byrne and as Maher came out swiftly to narrow the angle, Byrne deftly flicked the ball over his head.

Five minutes later a totally rejuvenated Canberra completed the scoring.

A quick attack into the goal mouth paid off when mid-fielder Gary Byrne scooped the ball to Stone on the left.

Again Maher moved out but despite a desperate dive he was unable to stop Stone's well placed shot.

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Peter Windsor

## Mitchell, Kosmina the deadly duo

By TED SIMMONS

**Syd. City 2  
Olympic 1**

**SYDNEY CITY:** Clarke 7,  
Mullen 6, Spanos 7, O'Connor 8,  
Robertson 7, Murray 8,  
Cant 8, Barnes 7, Borges 7,  
Kosmina 7, Mitchell 7.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** P.  
Wilson 6, Coady 7, Scott 7,  
Rogers 6, Ziras 6, Phillips 7,  
Redfern 7, Raskopoulos 7,  
Koussas 7, Katholos 8, Jen-  
nings 6.

**SCORERS:** Mitchell (4m),  
Sydney City; Murray (45m),  
Sydney City; K. Wilson (47m),  
Sydney Olympic.

**SUBSTITUTES:** K. Wilson  
(for Ziras 41m) — Olympic. J.  
Watson (63m for Mitchell) —  
Sydney City.

**CAUTIONS:** Mullen, O'Connor.

**CROWD:** 5600.

**REFEREE:** P. Rampey.

The "walking wounded" of Sydney City had enough ammunition left to hold off Sydney Olympic in their fighting 2-1 victory at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Both dressing rooms looked like casualty stations after the match, although the damage was not as obvious during play.

Slackers had the longer list (Spanos (leg), Barnes (leg), O'Connor (groin), Murray (leg), and Mullen (thigh)), while Olympic were nursing Ziras (leg), Raskopoulos (ankle) and Koussas (thigh).

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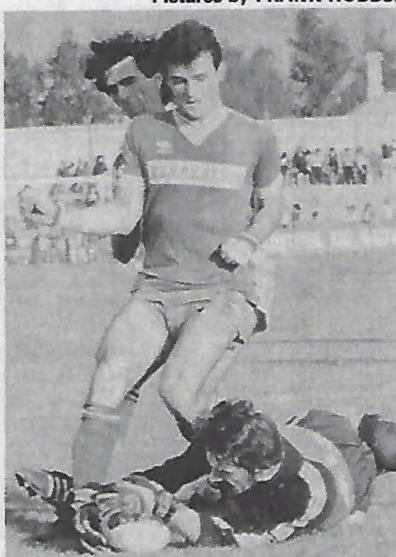
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Tim Brown (left) lifts his arms in triumph seconds after scoring West Adelaide's decisive goal at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



South Melbourne Hellas goalie Lou Tsigaris dives down in front of team-mate Socrates Nicolaides. Lurking behind is West Adelaide's Steve Atsalas.

## APIA THROWS AWAY A TWO GOAL LEAD

**APIA 2  
Wollongong 2**

**Scorers:** Bradley, Giampaolo pen (APIA), O'Connor (W)

**Ground:** Lambert Park

**Crowd:** 3,828.

**Referee:** G. Power 9.

**APIA:** Parkes 6, Carter 6,  
McAusland 7, Bradley 8,  
Pulles 7, Skellern 5, Morosello 6,  
Kilkelly 6, Soper 6, Butter 7,  
Giampaolo 7.

**WOLLONGONG:** Preston 6,  
Willis 7, Bergogni 8, Danilevsky  
7, Almworth 6, Carter 7,  
Cotton 7, Gaffney 6, Treddinick  
7, Kerr 5 (Morlando 58'),  
O'Connor 9.

In a hard fought, at times spifful encounter at Lambert Park, APIA had the better of the first half to go to a comfortable 2-0 lead at the break, but as on so many occasions this year, they faltered during the second period to let the Wollongong side back into the match.

In fact, with seconds left in the game, Roy Cotton could have snatched the winner for his side, but his header missed the far post with Bobby Parkes well beaten.

Had that one gone in, I am sure that the APIA supporters would have asked for a Royal Commission or maybe just a second chance. However, it was a game which most believed to have been won during the first 45 minutes.

APIA had it all their own way for most of that half and could easily have piled up a much more comfortable lead than a mere two goals.

Marshall Soper started a series of sad misses when he headed a cross by Bradley 20 metres wide in the 8th minute, then a few seconds later, it was Bradley's turn to miss from close range following a neat cross by Giampaolo.

In the meantime Ainsworth headed off the line from a good shot by Giampaolo, then Dunleavy cleared off the line following a shot by Bradley.

Fires continued in the Wolves penalty area, but APIA had very little to show for their efforts until some nine minutes from the break. It was Baz Giampaolo who started the move on the left, turned left then right, before crossing for Bradley inside the penalty area and some 12 metres from

goal, who in turn wasted little time before rounding a defender and then slamming the ball past Preston.

With only a couple of minutes left and following a corner kick, Wollongong failed to hold a high cross and as the loose ball found Carter some 20 metres from goal, Preston looked beaten. Carter's shot was hard and accurate but so was the dive by Arno Bergona who flung himself to his right to affect a magnificent save with the palm of his right hand.

Giampaolo scored from the penalty kick and APIA took a commanding lead, which looked good enough for any side, and despite a gallant effort by Wollongong during the first period, the general consensus of opinion was heavy in favour of an easy APIA win.

Wolves showed some great fighting spirit during the second period and described the point which in the end went down south. As early as the second minute of this half, O'Connor and Dunleavy were involved in a conference some five metres from the APIA goal line, who was going to put the ball in the net after a cross by Roy Cotton. In the end they hesitated too long and lost the ball.

But they were not to be denied and in the 53rd minute it was Treddinick who provided the cross and Bergona's header found Phil O'Connor in position to add his finishing touch with a neat lob to make it 2-1.

Skellern's mistake almost led to yet another goal by O'

Connor, but Parkes' brave effort at the feet of the ex-

APIA forward saved the day in the 65th.

Wollongong appeared to

maintain strong pressures on APIA through some great efforts by their front runners,

O'Connor and Cotton, with O'

Connor giving Skellern some terrible times.

But as the time wore on APIA came back and almost scored through Tony Morsello in the 77th then Soper, whose header hit the cross bar only a minute later.

With just three minutes to go O'Connor received a pass inside the penalty area, turned Skellern with ease and planted the ball with his right foot away from the goalkeeper's reach, to make it 2-2.

O'Connor, returned to his old stamping grounds, quietly during the first period, but bounced back to terrorise Skellern, then scored two superb goals which earned his team one point and for my money the man of the match award.

# SYDNEY CITY DOOMED

**West Adelaide 1  
Sth Melb 0**

**Scorer:** Brown (15th).  
**Ground:** Hindmarsh Stadium.

**Crowd:** 4200.

**Weather:** Fine.

**Referee:** Bobby Kerr 6.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Crook 8 — McKie 7, Dunn 8, McGachey 8, Totsikas 7 — McGregor 6, Brennan 7, Atsalas 5 — Heys 7, Brown 7, Honeyman 7.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Tsiganis 9, Nicolaides 7, Blair 9, Xanthopoulos 7, Bennett 7 — Campbell 8, Davidzon 9, Shiras 8 (Bujevic 76) — Egan 8, Rogers 8, Holford 7.

South Melbourne Hellas WILL beat Sydney City Hakoah on Sunday.

I make this prediction on the basis of South Melbourne's superb display against West Adelaide.

Even though South Melbourne won down 1-0, Tommy Docherty's team played some scintillating soccer and clearly deserved a draw at worst.

They knocked the ball about in a manner which would have made Liverpool proud.

But West Adelaide also emerged from this game with credit.

Despite being under enormous pressure for the last hour, it did not fold even though it resorted to some desperate defensive work.

Even when goalkeeper Martin Crook left the field for eight minutes in the second half, the defence played brilliantly.

Crook, who was concussed against Brisbane Lions the week before, collapsed after five minutes of the second half.

Robbie Dunn took over while Crook received treatment. Zoran Maricic was preparing to come on, but coach Alan Vest, who was a step ahead of everybody else, told the substitute to stay on the bench.

Crook returned to a thunderous standing ovation and



Meno Toutsidis

repaid the crowd by making a brilliant save from a Steve Blair header midway through the half.

In his brief stay between the two, Dunn excelled. He made a good stop to keep a free kick out and also punched clear a few high balls.

On the one occasion he was beaten, Neil McGachey cleared off the line.

West Adelaide gave every indication it would take South apart after the first few minutes.

Graham Honeyman had prised the defence open in the opening minute and goalkeeper Lou Tsigaris, who had a good game, was immediately called into action.

West got the only goal when McGachey floated a free kick to the far post for Honeyman to head it down to Graham Heyns.

The little winger headed spectacularly but Tsigaris made a good save.

However, he failed to hold it and Brown pounced onto it like a striking cobra.

That was the cue for South Melbourne to attack.

Alan Davidson had a blinder in the midfield and so did strikers Charlie Egan and Billy Rogers.

South's central defenders, Blair and Arthur Xanthopoulos, did not put a foot wrong all day and aided by fullbacks Socrates Nicolaides and Gerry Bennett snuffed out wingers Heyns.

Apart from the shot cleared off the line during Dunn's stint as keeper, Dunn, himself, and Ian McKie also steered shots off the line.

While West Adelaide will admit it was fortunate to win, it will rightly point out that it was robbed of a win in Melbourne when the sides met early in the season.

On that occasion, South equalised from what was described as an offside position in the fourth minute of injury time.

West plays Wollongong on Saturday and will need to show much more physical aggression if it is to come home with a point or two.



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# Oliver Heidelberg's hero, Watson shines

**SM-Hellas 0  
Heidelberg 0**  
(H'berg 5-4 on pens)

**Penalty scorers, H'berg:**  
Cole, Paton, Yzendoorn, Venko, McMillan; Hellas: Egan, G. Campbell, Holford, Buljevic.

**Penalty misses: H'berg:**  
Selimidis (hits post), Valentine (too wide); Hellas: Xanthopoulos (too high), Davidson (H'berg bar), Bennett (saved by keeper).

**Referee: Jim Fearn 8.**

**Cautions: Oliver (H), Shirra (Hellas).**

**HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER:**

Oliver 9 - McMillan 8,

Yzendoorn 8, Yankos 10,

Tansey 9 - J. Campbell 6 (inj

sub McLeod 11)th) Selimidis

6 - Bakaric 6, Cole 7, Paton

8, Valentine 7.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:** Tsigkas 9 - Bennett 9,

Blair 9, Xanthopoulos 7, Nico-

laides 6 - Davidson 9, Shirra

8 (Buljevic 7, 75th) - Holford

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**Heidelberg Alexander ad-**

vanced to the second round

of the Philips Cup after a mara-

thon 120 minutes of soccer and

14 penalty shots in the game against South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

The match was scoreless

after half an hour of extra

time, and Heidelberg finally

won it on penalties.

Heidelberg's hero was goal-

keeper Jeff Oliver, who saved

Hellas' seventh penalty shot

taken by full back Gerry Ben-

nett.

The save ended the penalties

showdown, and gave Heidel-

berg the match.

Two Selimidis of Heidel-

berg and his cousin Arthur

Xanthopoulos of South Mel-

bourne missed one shot each

during the first set of five pen-

alties per team.

That left the score at 4-4

going into the 'sudden death'

period.

Mike Valentine missed Hei-

delberg's next shot, and Alan

Davidson with the chance to

win the match for Hellas hit

the crossbar.

Arthur MacMillan scored to

put Heidelberg ahead 5-4

and Oliver saved Hellas' next shot

from Bennett.

It was a bitter dis-

appointment for the South

Melbourne full back who had

played well with fellow de-

fender Steve Blair.

Charlie Yankos put on a

sterling performance in Hei-

delberg's defence.

The players were the third in a

row for Hellas and it has now

been 300 minutes since it

scored its last regular goal.

But Hellas pushed forward

today through Davidson and

Gerry Campbell.

Coach Tommy Docherty

strengthened his attack in the

75th minute by replacing Jim

Shirra with forward Branko

Buljevic.

Buljevic could have won it

for Heidelberg but goal-keeper

Liam Hayes bounced at Cole's

feet, the ball ran loose to Jamie Paton, but his shot was

cleared off the line by Xan-

thopoulos.

Also during extra time, Jim

Tansey hit the bottom of the

post with an angled shot.

**Newcastle 2  
Marconi 2**  
Marconi 4-2 on pens)



Hilton Silva's two goals within the first 12 minutes set Marconi back towards victory over Newcastle KB at Graham Park, Gosford.

It was only after 120 minutes of enthralling football that Marconi's proficiency in taking penalty kicks and goalkeeper Allan Maher's two glorious penalty saves confirmed its entry into round two.

The final score favoured Marconi by two goals and four penalties to Newcastle's two goals and two penalties.

Played in driving rain throughout, the match provided a succession of heart stopping moments, with an incredible number of chances won and lost at either end.

Marconi's plucky win was accomplished with just 10 men on the park for half the game.

Star striker Marak Jankovic snapped a hamstring in the 8th minute and will be lucky indeed to recommence playing for another six weeks.

It was a shattering blow for the former Socceroo, who was nearing his peak with dangerous running and a sixth sense in creating space to execute his shots.

Kyri Kyriakouleas was added to the injury list, when he left the game in the 78th minute, reducing J.U.S.T. to 10 men.

Preston Makedonia had its own share of injuries, starting without first choice Fox.

As it happened the score quite rightly still stood at 2-2 after a tense 30 minutes of extra time.

Roy Drinkwater and Stuart Robertson of Newcastle and Vic Bosanic and Tony Henderson from Marconi all struck their penalties into the net.

Then Jones and Howard Tredinnick had their shots splen-

damente saved by Maher deep in the right hand corner of the goal, whereas opponents Roberto Vieri and Hilton Silva did not make a mistake.

Newcastle's latest Scottish acquisition Robertson and Jim Hamilton revelled in the midfield slush with the tiny Robertson matching Marconi's experienced Vieri all the way.

Marconi winger René Licata came on for injured Bert Marak in the half time, and when Jankovic suffered his injury the team had used up its only permitted substitute.

**Makedonia 2  
J.U.S.T. 0**

**Goals: Opazinas 5th, Ward 23rd.**

**Venue: Connor Reserve.**

**Referee: Mellings 8.**

**Crowd: 2500.**

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:**

Potter 8 - Opazinas 5th, Jones

7, Ollerton 7, Little 8 -

Whittle 7, Flavel 6, Miranda 7 - Ward 8, Luccielli 6, Brown

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## Fawkner set to sign Bozikas

### METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

**FAWKNER**: Terzini 9 — Petrov 8, Goomey 8, Fattore 8, Polita 7 — B. Sabidussi 7, C. Sabidussi 7, Williams 7, Curcija 7, Corrall 7, Tuffield 8, Anselma 6.

**BOX HILL**: Morgan 8 — McLeod 7, Brownlie 8, Lawler 8, Roodhouse 7 — Hughes 6, Gabrieleau 6, Ramos 9 — Verechchia 7, Patterson 7, Taylor 7.

## Barclay beaten at last

**AJAX** 2 (Macleod 2 (Ringwood Wilhelmina 1 (van Leuvenen)

**GARDINER**: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardner 6, Cannell 7, Vassallo 7 — Greenhalgh 6 (Hogben 6), Gledhill 7, Bent 7 (Morley 7), Williams 7 — Macleod 6, Smallman 6, Paul Lewis 6.

**WILHELMINA**: Barclay 7 — Peters 7, Brownlie 7, O'Leary 7, Van Leuvenen 6, Anderson 6, Gledhill 7, van Leuvenen 6, Stewart 8 — Carroll 7, Trout 6.

Ajax must have regretted not signing Ken Barclay as the tall Wilhelmina keeper managed to get a hand, a foot, a leg, an arm or any part of his body to the ball, time and again denying the league leader in Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan revealed after the match that Barclay had written to him from overseas and was keen to join Ajax wasn't that responsive but Wilhelmina was and it now boasts one of the best keepers in the league.

Wilhelmina's ultra defensive attitude almost paid dividends. Scores were tied until the 86th minute when Gus Macleod scored the more crucial of his two goals.

Macleod's first goal came in the 10th minute. Barclay took a short goalkick, and Dave Brownlie didn't play the ball back firmly enough. In darter Macleod to slip the ball past the stranded Barclay and make it 1-0.

Right on half time the visitors stunned the home team fans when young midfielder Gary van Leuvenen unleashed a cracking drive from just inside the area which sent the ball whistling past Lou Denys.

Ajax pounded the Wilhelmina goal in the second half and looked destined to be thwarted by the heroics of Barclay.

Paul Lewis burst through but his shot deflected off Barclay's foot then a minute later it's Lewis again. This time he heads straight into Barclay's arms. David Hogben, a 52nd minute replacement for Kit Greechan, decides to try to break the deadlock. He thumps the ball toward the far post but amazingly Barclay not only stops it going in he also clasps it with one grab.

Barclay finally succumbed four minutes from time. Bill Morley's cross from the left was headed by Peter Lewis onto the post. Big Macleod hammered in the rebound and the league leader had got home 2-1.

Having displaced Box Hill at the top of the ladder, Fawkner expected to sign Andy Bozikas from Heidelberg-Alexander as we went to Press.

And Joe Picioane is expected from Sydney this week.

However, the Marconi midfielder still has a back injury and is seeking a specialist in Melbourne before Fawkner finalises the \$1000 loan agreement with Marconi.

Bozikas watched Fawkner beating Box Hill at Jukes Road last Saturday and said afterwards that he wanted to join the club.

"I know many of the players here, and I like the atmosphere. It is an ambitious club which obviously is going places," he said.

Bozikas transfer listed at \$7500 along with Jimmy Rooney, Ken Taylor and Tom Tasevski.

He can play in midfield or on the wing — even as sweeper if he has to. That's where he played in 1976.

Fawkner achieved its victory with a goal only five seconds from the end of injury time.

Rajko Curcija, who had an incredible game, belted a shot onto the crossbar and Bruno Sabidussi nipped in to poke the ball into the net on the rebound.

Triumph for Fawkner; bitter disappointment for Box Hill.

Fawkner had been clearly the better team in the first half but after the interval, Box Hill was thwarted only by some excellent goalkeeping from Rob Terzini.

Back to that first half though Box Hill has Andy Hughes to thank for keeping Fawkner out in the 22nd minute. The defence had failed to clear a good cross by Bruno Sabidussi, but with goalkeeper Graham Morgan beaten, Hughes was on the goal line to block the ball as Ian Tuffield tried to tap it in.

Curcija shot just past the post with Morgan stretching, then Morgan saved an angled shot by Anselma whose strong run had brought him past big Don Brownlie.

But the Hillmen's closest shave came only a minute from half time. Chris Petrov won the ball strongly in midfield as the Box Hill defenders were moving out. Petrov passed it quickly to Curcija on the left. Morgan came out to narrow the angle, and Curcija's shot grazed the top of the bar.

It was Fawkner's turn to defend after half time. Indeed, left back Polita made a match-saving clearance in the 50th minute by jumping in front of Verechchia who was awaiting a square ball from Patterson.

Carlo Sabidussi also saved Fawkner by slotting into the goal area for a desperate clearance after a cross had beaten Terzini who was out too far.

Then came the most spectacular move of the match.

Carlo Sabidussi lobbed the ball down the line on the right. Tuffield headed it on for himself, beat of his opponent, and crossed into the middle where Anselma, with an acrobatic overhead kick, sent the ball whistling narrowly over the bar.

Pedro Ramos, the best of the Box Hill midfielders, and certainly the most skilful, wasn't far off with a 25 metre drive, before Scott Patterson barged his way through the defence to face Terzini.

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Andy Bozikas (second from right), scoring for Heidelberg Alexander in a PSL clash with Brisbane Lions.



Rajko Curcija



Scott Patterson



Pedro Ramos



Rob Terzini



Bruno Sabidussi



Cesare Fattore

Patterson was in full flight. He had to score! But no, Terzini spread himself and stopped Patterson's shot.

Cesare Fattore, a tower of strength in Fawkner's defence, hurt his leg while making a powerful clearance, and Fawkner was reduced to 10 men for five minutes while Fattore received treatment on the sidelines.

Just after Fattore had come back onto the pitch, Terzini made another brilliant save, this time from Verechchia. At the other end of the field, Rossiter stood above anyone else to meet a cross from the left where Curcija had done all the work. Tuffield was so high that his header went way over the bar before he himself crashed into the net.

Ten minutes to go and it was anyone's game.

Petrov flashed into the play again, finding Anselma with a good forward pass. Anselma turned quickly and shot. He had both arms half up, anticipating a goal, but it hit the bottom of the post.

Bob Hill fought back again. Roodhouse tried one but Terzini made yet another great save.

Patterson got away on the break. Terzini came out, Patterson went around him. Surely this would be a goal. Patterson had been forced wide though, and Les Goomey had time to drop back to stop his header from going in.

Mornington went into the lead with a penalty by Runje after he had been pushed, but its chances of winning were

Patterson's angled shot on the goal line.

Curcija had been irrepressible. He had beaten both full backs. McLeod and Roodhouse, virtually at will while switching from one flank to the other. Now he flashed into the middle. The crossbar shuddered as it took the full force of Curcija's shot. The ball bounced down and out and there was Bruno Sabidussi to put it away.

It was a memorable game, a game full of commitment by players of both sides; a game with flashes of individual skill and inventiveness.

Fawkner was handicapped by the absence of Tony Schipano who was best man at a wedding. Box Hill of course, has lost Mike Valentine to Heidelberg.

It was minimised when Jones was sent off over dissent after earlier having been shown the yellow card.

Mornington defended well with 10 men but could not stop a blistering 20-metre volley by Greg Henkel in the 55th minute.

Nick van Egmond Jnr wrapped it up for Nunawading five minutes later with a goal from close range.

### Selections

#### METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Kew City v Box Hill; FRANKTON PINES v Altona City; KEW CITY v Richmond.

Sunday: FAWKNER v Altona City; MORALESH v Western Suburbs (I); SLEAVIN v BELL PARK; DONCASTER REIVERS v Keilor Avenue.

#### DIVISION THREE NTH DANDEONONG 0 ELTHAM 1

NTH DANDEONONG: Baenish, Papadopoulos, Byrne, Miltusovic, Walnwright, Kerr, Miltusovic, Taylor, Foy, Bright, Mackie, Hill, O'Donnell, Aspinwall.

ELTHAM: Carey, Hadic, Stecina, M. Cirka, P. Cirka, Kenna, Hernan, Morton, Kilpatrick, I. Farrel, Briggs, Shaw, Antanasovich, Potter.

This was a hard-fought game.

Eltham threw the form book out the window when it went to Dandenong on Saturday and took two points from the third placed home side.

This was achieved despite playing the last 35 minutes with 10 men as Chris Briggs was sent off for allegedly striking an opponent.

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## Rockdale holds Blacktown, Melita finds the target

Croatia and Riverwood drew at King Tomislav Park to remain at No.1 and No.2 respectively on the State League table. In fact this draw provided Blacktown Demons with an ideal opportunity to jump into the second place having to play the last placed Rockdale Ilinden.

However, Rockdale, with the new coach at the helm gave a much improved showing and managed to hold Blacktown at the Gabble taking away one point. This helped Rockdale get off the bottom of the table.

Manly Warringah, the early leaders of the competition, were on the brink of defeat at Cromer Park, but managed to score in

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the last minute of the match with JM United, through Lock and not only keep fourth position, but keep an undefeated record at Cromer Park for the '82 season intact.

Canterbury led Avala at Arlington Oval through a dubious penalty decision, converted by Titilas, but never looked good enough to win, and in fact were lucky to get away with a point and keep fifth place.

Then, "out of the blue," came Melita Eagles with an effortless win over Bankstown at Melita Stadium. Following their rowdy encounter with Blacktown Demons, the previous week, Melita has finally come to grips with

their shooting boots scoring three goals and sounding a warning to Manly Warringah, the side they are to play next week at Cromer Park.

Should Melita beat Manly in that game, then they'll be separated by only four points from Manly and with 11 rounds to go still in with a fair chance of getting into the top four.

Auburn continued its good run by getting its fourth straight win to get into the middle of the table, safe from the murky waters at the bottom of the League.

Their success is largely due to some fine work by Mark Holloway who appears to be their match winner. In the last four games, Holloway has scored winning goals on three occasions.

With six clubs already vying for the top four spots, this promises to be the tightest battle for honors yet.

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### Auburn 2 Polonia 1

**Scorers:** Allan, Holloway (Aub), Dickson (Pol).

**AUBURN:** Walker, Quigley, Prgomejic, Peters, Hardwick, Etwell, Jones, Dale, Allan, Holloway.

**POLONIA:** Kalinowski, Divani, Gekke, Grzesz, Galaz, Garlovski, Sookas, Wisniewski, Sobczyk, /Smith 76, Clesic, Dickson.

Mark Holloway, Auburn's top goalscorer with five goals to date this season was the hero of the match at Mona Park providing the telling pass which led to the equaliser and scoring the winning goal minutes from the end.

His general play was on par with Auburn's best, Wessell Etwell and Micky Dale, while his front running had Polonia's defence in considerable

manly slipped in its quest for the top in the NSW State League following a draw with JM United at Cromer Park. In fact it was JMU who got its nose in front and led almost to the end, conceding a goal in the dying seconds of this match.

The home side kept its unbeaten record at Cromer after Garry Lock followed a cross by Fox to tuck it home from close range. Some 10 minutes earlier Fox volleyed against the crossbar from a cross by Regan, but those shots apart, Manly did very little to beat Caputo.

David Jack managed a shot midway during the first half that looked a goal all the way, but just grazed the crossbar on its way over.

Manly appeared to have the better of the proceedings for most of the match but could not do much to penetrate the home team's defence of the wall.

JMU scored first after a long clearance by Heywood saw Sheridan give chase with Doyle on his tail. Ellis came out but appeared to have missed the ball completely allowing Sheridan to tap it home.

### Canterbury 1 Avala 1

**Scorers:** Titilas (par) (C), Tilt (A).

**CANTERBURY:** El Zein, Karayros, Laws, Lane, Titilas, Angelopoulos, Basterfield, Georgiou, Arnold, Thamnidis, Brown.

**AVALA:** Abram, Lemire, Dales, Lefevre, Divanovic, (Brown 76), Djuricic, Milne (GD Paterson), Williams, Tilt, Ruiz, Karanfilovski.

Canterbury's recent run of successes received a jolt at Arlington when Avala, playing some attractive football for the best part of the match outplayed its hosts. In all but the scuffling dimensions.

Home side appeared to have been given a soft penalty after 25 minutes with Vujinovic and Brown contesting for the ball. Canterbury were pleasantly surprised when the referee awarded a penalty which was converted by Titilas to give it a 1-0 lead.

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With four minutes to go and the game "decided" by yet another draw, Holloway found himself, after beating a couple of players shot past Kalinowski, who managed to get a touch but not stop the ball from entering the net.

Auburn's win carries this young and enthusiastic side into the fifth week without a loss. In fact, the last five rounds have brought nine points to the side lifting it out of the relegation zone for the time being.

Polonia, slightly the better team during the first half, scored the goal after 14 minutes through Scott Dickson, but never looked like winners despite some nice touches in midfield. Their negative approach to the game has netted them only 10 goals after 14 outings, and only two goals out of the last six matches.

Much of the burden in the side is carried by Kalinowski and Gales at the back and Scott Dickson up front.

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John Coyne

ming back, particularly in the second half creating no less than four "certs" in front of El Zein but poor shooting let them down, with Gary Milne the biggest culprit missing an open goal from right in front.

Milne was replaced by Eddie Paterson and Avala continued to press on in attack. With 15 minutes remaining Paterson crossed to Vujinovic, but he allowed the ball to go through to rescue Tilt and El Zein beaten from some 12 metres away.

Steve Lalic, Avala's coach was furious about the penalty decision which in the end appeared to have taken a point off his side.

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### Blacktown 0 Rockdale 0

**BLACKTOWN:** James, Wheastie, Remusse, (S3 Schenckhoff), Bergan, Pointer, Guernsey, Selvage, Plumb (S3 Gomez), Campbell, Jones, Krstic.

**ROCKDALE:** Barres, Fraser, Pfeifer, (S3) McNamee, Abbott, Tunstall, Johnstone, B. Smith, Travil (S3 Graham), A. Bortolico, Morsello.

Kockdale earned its first point in seven weeks, when against all odds it managed to keep Blacktown Demons scoreless at the Gabble Stadium.

It was a welcome return to form "under new management" at Rockdale. Almost six new faces and some reshuffling of positions took place during the week following Rockdale's 0-7 defeat at the hands of Cromer last Saturday.

It obviously helped as Rockdale reached Blacktown stride for stride in most departments. Blacktown, with a slight edge in midfield, created enough opportunities, particularly through some good runs by the two fullbacks and subsequent crosses, but the forwards were off-target all day.

To make matters worse for the home side, the visitors' keeper, Beaves, had a great day between the sticks and stopped just about everything the home team could throw at him.

Blacktown City's secret was then informed and he instructed David to tell the parents of the children from Orange to attend the State camps so as not to jeopardise their playing future and that Blacktown City will have them back in the September and January holidays.

Well so much for encouraging big Sydney clubs to foster football in country centres and so much for the country kids' playing future.



Juventus (Vic.) presented its 1982 sponsors with certificates and engraved cups during a dinner dance at the clubrooms last week.

Front row (left to right): Brian Ramus (Alfa City), Joe Canuso (Sunshine Travel Service) vice president Sam Menenti, Domenic Ven-

tino (La Cava Del Prosciutto), Sergio Mattioli (Mattioli Bros).

Front row (left to right): Tony Rodda (Aurora Floor Coverings), Piero Reschelle (Magic Kitchen), Domenic Mattioli and player Fabio Incantalo who helped with the presentation. (Photo E. Berazan).

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## Another Budini to hit the heights?

By MANWEL GRIMA

ANITO Budini was lured to Western Eagles by Sam E. Vella—the eagle-eyed senior team manager.

He was sounded out by Sam last year, when Melita played Polonia thrice. On all three occasions Anito was the only star of a lackluster combination of forwards.

Born in Stanmore, Sydney, 23 years ago, of Italian and Maltese parentage, Anito, one assumes, has little choice in what sporting career he was to follow; his father's influence was too great.

For a number of years, Anito Senior was the president of the very successful senior set-up at Marconi the nursery of names like Shirley Colman, Mariani and Richie Williams.

Rafeasic, too, had a developing hand in formulating the dangerous skills that Anito now possesses.

Dangerous to be sure, not only to the opposing backs, but also to the poor goalie trying to parry that lethal drive.

Although at the time of writing Anito had played few full games, he humbly admits that he's getting more than a fair go from the coach, Vernon Darville. "Anyway, I'd rather for the moment be playing 20 minutes alongside a skilful bunch of guys than 90 of non-stop garbage somewhere else".

The mid-season saw an end of an era for the Budinis and Polonia as well, with both Anito, older brother Ricky also left to rejoin Marconi, where he's doing a sterling job guarding the right flank.

Anito is full of praise for the professional set-up at Melita Polonia which was one thing that brought him here. That and the ever-present Melita following, which he reckons is the most appreciative he's ever played in front of.

Happily married to Donna for the past three years, they have a daughter, Alimene, aged two.

He's looking forward to a season full of new challenges.

As he told us: "I know that by joining the Eagles I couldn't go wrong".

## What a waste!

How the great game of soccer goes for ward!

Part of the new Blacktown City Youth Development policy, is the fostering of talent in the country centre of Orange and part of the program is inviting three boys to come to the city, live in at the Narrabeen Fitness Camp and receive coaching by Rafeasic, Doug Utjenovic and David Lee, completely free of charge.

Blacktown City even is responsible for providing local transport and overnight accommodation if necessary.

Sounds great!!

Two weeks prior to the proposed camp, The Department of Sports and Recreation, switches the Blacktown City dates at Narrabeen so that the squad has to go to the Narrabeen Camp on the same dates as the NSW Selected boys squads.

As the boys from Orange cannot accept both dates in the same week, David Lee on 29.4.82, sends a letter to the coaching coordinator of the NSW Amateur Soccer Football Association, Mr Eric Arneil, pointing out this fact and suggesting that the boys still come as Blacktown City's guests and that the State coach, Mr Alan Edmondson, host a week at Narrabeen while they are in at Orange to see if they are State team material.

This meant that Blacktown City would save Western NSW the cost of three boys and enable three extra boys to be invited to the camp. This was agreeable to Alan Edmondson.

On Thursday 29.4.82, David Lee was surprised when talking to Alan Edmondson about allocating the three now available positions, that Alan had been informed on Tuesday 4.5.82, by Eric Arneil:-

"That if the three boys from Orange train with Blacktown City, they are not to be considered for selection in the State team."

Alan and David Lee, were opposed to that idea.

In effect, it stopped the sponsorship of children and also meant that in future years, only boys who attend the camps are eligible for selection to State teams.

Boys might be sponsored for any number of reasons — financial, studies, school holidays etc.

But in future they are all ruled out.

David Lee, unable to believe his ears, then contacted Eric Arneil who verified that this was the decision of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation executive at a meeting on Tuesday night 4.5.82.

David Lee, during the conversation, pointed out that it was not in the best interests of soccer, unconstitutional and an infringement of children's rights.

Mr Arneil said there was nothing he could do. The decision had to stand.

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